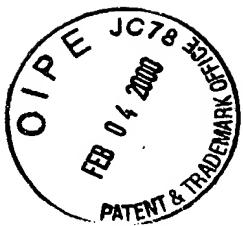


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 5, 2000

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action referenced above, applicant hereby respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks that follow.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1, first line, replace "BELT" with --belt--; last line, replace "whereby" with --wherein--.  
Claim 9, last line, replace "whereby" with --wherein--.  
Claim 16, last line, replace "whereby" with --wherein--.

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated January 5, 2000. Claims 1-25 are pending in the application. Per this response, Claims 1, 9, and 16 have been amended.

SYNOPSIS OF THE INVENTION:

The Applicant's invention is a papermaking belt comprising two lamina joined together in a face-to-face relationship to form a unitary laminate. The first lamina comprises a foraminous imprinting member having a paper web contacting surface and a second surface.